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SUBJECT: DISPUTED ISLANDS

REF: A) WELLINGTON 3211, B) WELLINGTON 3723 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS
WITH CONGRESS ON NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS WITH NEW ZEALAND
AND THE UK OVER DISPUTED SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS. WE HOPE
TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT OUR PROPOSALS TO GNZ AND UK SHORTLY,
FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. BEGIN FYI: WE PLAN TO PROPOSE TO GNZ THAT US
RENOUNCE ITS CLAIMS TO THE NORTHERN COOKS AND TOKELAUS
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH A NEW ZEALAND/TOKELAUS RENUNCIATION

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OF ANY CLAIMS TO SWAINS ISLAND. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO UK
THAT IT RECOGNIZE US SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANTON, ENDERBURY
AND HULL ISLANDS IN EXCHANGE FOR US RENUNCIATION OF
CLAIMS TO 15 OTHER ISLANDS OF THE PHOENIX, LINE, AND
TUVALU GROUPS. IF THESE PROPOSALS ARE REJECTED, THE
ISSUE WOULD BE RE-EXAMINED IN THE NSC EAST ASIAN INTER-
DEPARTMENTAL GROUP PRIOR TO DECIDING ON ANY FALL-BACK

POSITION. END FYI.

3. DURING AUGUST 24 CALL, NEW ZEALAND DCM ANGUS RAISED DISPUTED ISLAND QUESTION WITH EA/ANP DIRECTOR AND WAS GIVEN SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 ABOVE. WELLINGTON AND LONDON MAY WISH TO PROVIDE SAME INFORMATION TO GNZ AND UK OFFICIALS.

4. TEXT OF DISPUTED ISLANDS STUDY ON WHICH US PROPOSAL BASED BEING POUCHED. CHRISTOPHER

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